**2019 Medical Mission Report, Ogechukwu Erinne, PharmD, MBA
1. Assignment:**What was your primary role in the 2019 medical mission to Ada Ghana? **Pharmacist**
What things did you find easy in performing your tasks? **Working closely with all the pharmacy personnel’s and having an interpreter available**What were your challenges?

- **Not having sufficient interpreters some days, running out of common medications before the end of the day.**

**2. Preparation:**Do you think adequate preparation was made for medical mission 2019? By the time of the trip, did you feel you were well prepared? If no, what other plans would you have liked to see? **Everything seemed well planned.**

**3. Location:**What was your impression of the mission location for 2019? What did you like and dislike the most? (The hospital, the people, the hotel we stayed…): **The hotel staff were awesome, however they failed to fix appliances when they were called upon. The food could have been a little better with more native dishes. The patients seen were very appreciative. The people of Ada in general were always happy and seemed content**

**4. Safety:**

Did you think too much, too little, or adequate preparation was made for your safety. **No safety concerns while in Ghana. I felt safe everyday!**

**5. Outing:**

On this trip, we allowed ourselves extra day and a half for sightseeing. More expenses In the fare also incurred the longer we stay. For you, did the extra stay add to your fulfillment in the journey or would you prefer completing the mission and leaving the next day? **The extra stay was very much needed. It gave us time to unwind and interact with fellow team members while reflecting on the mission. It would have been good to have the celebratory party a day after the mission and not on the last day of the mission**

**6. The Team:**

One of the keys to successful medical missions is seeing oneself as a team member (versus individual). How well do you think we achieved this goal? **Pharmacy as a whole worked very closely together as a team to achieve our mission goal. However, there were some days especially on the last day of the mission that pharmacy would have appreciated the assistance of the team to help get all the patients out. Dr. Chiakpo stepped up and demonstrated this. As a team, it was great when we all made sure we were on the bus before we departed.**

**7. Expectations & Experience:**

What expectations did you have joining Team Africa medical mission and were those expectations met. **The only expectation I had was to continue to provide care for the less privilege and Team Africa definitely helps me meet and exceed that expectation.**

How did this medical outreach change you as a person and as a healthcare provider? **We are privileged to wake up every day to the basic needs of life which most people lack. This medical mission is a constant reminder of that.**

What is your most memorable experience? What were your challenges or disappointments? **I had the best experience working with the pharmacy team. A diverse group of professionals dedicated to serving people while having fun doing it.**

**8. Finances:**

As you may be aware, the flat fee of $2000 was significantly offset to lessen the burden on the volunteers. Will you object to increasing the fee to $2250 in the future or should the fee be kept the same? **We should try to keep the fee the same at $2000 if possible but if increasing will help provide better care for the patients then that could be an option**

**7. Performance Evaluation:**

1. How would you evaluate the team leader? (Evon Anukam)

What did she do very well? What does she need to work on? How well did she communicate all relevant information for a successful mission trip?

**Evon is a fearless leader. I admire the fact that she always seeks feedback and areas of improvements and takes that into consideration. She did her best to communicate all relevant information with a big team but there were times when we were all confused about the plan and the assigned board wasn’t updated. It would have been nice for her to pass on some information to the group leaders for easy communication.**

1. How would you evaluate your clinical group leader?

*(Medical: Dr Evelyn Chiakpo (lead) & Dr Cindy Talbot; Nursing: Angel Sams (lead) & Nwanneka Mbelu; Pharmacy: Ohita Asein (lead) & Allahna Davis)*

What did they do very well, individually and collectively? What do they need to work on?

**Ohita Asein did a great job communicating the needs of the pharmacy with everyone and she was open to feedback and everyone’s idea.**

1. How would you evaluate the safety leaders?

*(Group 1: Gechi; Group 2: Peter; Group 3: Uzoamaka; Group 4: Natalie; Group 5: Ashley N; Group 6: Ashley V)*:

What did they do very well? What do they need to work on?

1. How would you evaluate yourself? What did you do very well? What do you need to work on? How well did you contribute to the cohesiveness of the team?

**I did my best to make sure everyone understood the plan and was having a great time. I always tried to jump in whenever I could to help the mission attain its goals. I can do better at keeping up with the schedule and sleeping in** ☺

**8. New direction:**

As an organization, Team Africa wants to change directions by looking for ways to engage in more sustainable health projects in developing countries. This will require concerted fundraising efforts and grant applications. Will you commit to assisting Team Africa in raising funds to continue to impact lives. **YES!**

**9. Final Thoughts:**

What else is on your mind?

**Does Team Africa intend to visit other West African countries besides Nigeria and Ghana?**